

REMARKS

Claims 1-31 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-31 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-43 of copending Application No. 10/071,850 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,831,416 to Fischer.

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejections and urges allowance of the present application.


Applicant submits a Terminal Disclaimer herewith and accordingly requests withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of all pending claims in view of the filing of the Terminal Disclaimer.

The Examiner is requested to phone the undersigned if the Examiner believes such would facilitate prosecution of the present application. The undersigned is available for telephone consultation at any time during normal business hours (Pacific Time Zone).

Respectfully submitted,

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